अन्य पिछड़े वर्ग के लिए दी गई आरक्षण प्रसुविधाओं से वंचित कर दिया जाता है। राजस्थान सिविल सेवा परीक्षा के संदर्भ में राजस्थान सरकार ने यह सूचित किया है कि अन्य पिछड़े वर्गों के लिए दी गई आरक्षण प्रसुविधा से केवल ऐसे उम्मीदवारों को वंचित किया गया है जो राज्य सरकार की दिनांक 28.9.1993 की अधिसूचना के अनुसार श्रेणी-I अथवा श्रेणी-II के पदों पर कार्यरत थे और इस तरह आवेदन के समय भी "सम्पन्न वर्ग" (क्रीमी लेयर) में आते थे।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Public Facilities Counters on Government Offices

1040. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to set-up public facilities counters in Government offices, to provide access to information of public importance, especially of specific plans or projects and targets for completion, etc.;

(b) the details of Ministries which have taken action to open such counters; and

(c) the follow-up action taken to persuade other Ministries to open such counters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) to (c) As part of the Government's decision to provide an effective and responsive administration and ensuring citizen-friendly Government, Information and Facilitation Counters have been set up in the first phase in 8 Government office Buildings viz., Shastri Bhavan, Krishi Bhavan, Dak Bhavan, Sanchar Bhavan, Rail Bhavan, Nirman Bhavan, Udyog Bhavan and North Block. About 40 Ministries/Departments having larger public interface will provide the members of the public and the customers of the Government simplified and speedy system of securing various information regarding schemes and procedures, submission of complaints and position of pending matters such as approvals, permits etc. These counters are being progressively computerised and are placed outside the security zone for easy accessibility. The question of extension of the scheme to other Ministries with public interface will be considered in due course.

Working Group on Right to Information and Promoting open and Transparent Government

1041. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working group constituted by Government to study the issues connected with the Right to Information and promoting open and transparent Government has submitted its report;

(b) if so, when the report was submitted and what are the main recommendations thereof;

(c) the number of recommendations accepted by Government; and

(d) the details of action taken regarding the implementation of those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) to (d) The Working Group on "Right to Information and Promotion of Open and Transparent Government", under the Chairmanship of Shri H.D. Shourie, submitted its report to the Government on the 21st May, 1997. The Group has prepared for consideration of the Government a draft "Freedom of Information Bill". Its other main recommendations are: amendments to Section 5 of the Official Secrets Act, 1923, Sections 123 and 124 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 together with consequential amendments in the Code of